

...all things therefore it is our
...and will be our friends
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Above all things therefore it is our
earnest prayer, and shall be our Endeavour,
that which to our Consciences seemes
the most equitab^{le} and just Medium
for us to agree in, namely, To present
you (as we have interposed with the
superiour Officers of the Army) to
labour a due understanding between
your selves and the Parliament, the
Necessity and Equity of which Re-
quest we cannot but believe you must
necessarily to us seriously consider a
few Propositions.
Whether the asserting of the
Parliament duly qualified of faithfull
Men to God and his People in these
Nations to be the Supreme Legislative
Authority of these Nations, was not the
Gods Old Cause we fought for, as that
only which was indicated in Scriptures
our

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our Consciences from imposition upon
them, contrary to the Liberty of all
Subjects of these Kingdoms, and
our Persons, and Estates, and Propriety
in Civils, from the Infringements of
the late King upon the Liberties and
ancient Rights of the Free born People
of England.

2. **W**hether it be not the only vin-
dication of your late laying aside the
Sword and Buckler of our old General,
because you did verily believe, as you
have protested to the world, That the
Government of any single Person might
in time, ruin the afore mentioned Li-
berties; purchased by our Blood, and
the vast Treasures of this Common-
wealth; Monarchy, however bounded,
necessarily requiring Uniformity as to
Religion, and Prerogative as to Civils,
both which must needs be oppressive

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not do otherwise to our Conscience and
Rights. Whether, when you set up again
this Famous Old Parliament, you did
not believe in your Consciences that it
was a Return to the Good Old Cause,
from which you had Apostatized, and
the best Expedient to heal the sad
Breaches of this poor Commonwealth,
which the Lusts of men have made;
in your Declaration presented by
the Lord Lambert, and the rest (the
Sixth of May) to the Speaker, as the
Representatives of the House.
4. Whether, this Parliament hath
ever yet endangered or disowned you,
or the Nation in these Great Ends
(which can only acquit all the Blood-
shed from Murder) your Liberties as
English men, and your Privileges as
Christians, but rather have given Se-
curity

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curity for both, in such Votes as they
had time to passe, by such Promises as
they are too honest to forget, and by a
progress large enough considering the
Confusions and difficulties they found
the Government in, by our setting up
the things, of which we are now ahar-
med.

Whether, if your Conscience
be better informed, it can satisfy ours,
or any Christian Conscience in the
Nation, to act according to your parti-
cular apprehensions, when we see them
cross so much the plain Rule of the
Word; which, as it requires obedi-
ence to all Authority, So, much more
to that which is asserted and seded up
on the surest Foundation of the Peoples
Rights, and to which you are so so-
lemnly engaged by Protestations, with
the presence of God, who will hold
them

Whom guiltlesse that take ~~the~~ Name in
vain, nor shoul yd collap or amitt be
of our Differings, the Common Enem-
my should arise with a stronger party,
and make use of our Divisions to yoke
us in bondage worse than ever: That
their little finger should be heavier than
the Loyns of those preceded them, the
people of these Nations would not have
sad Cause to leave at your Doors the
Bloud of those Innocents they must sa-
crifice to their Cruelty, Considering
especially that the Redemption of these
old Idumpations, must be by the Heads
of Gods People, and bring worse upon
us, the Bloud of Saints, whose death is
precious in the sight of the Lord. **Vve**
Begg you therefore, to lay to heart the
Promises, and believe we are Men of
flesh Conscience, as cannot close with
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this Action and Desires in it, we
would cordially Desire, that God
humble us, for the evil of our ways.
That in making Peace with Him, we
may Unite in love to each other: And
we shall also assure you, that though the
present Emergency hath made our
Commander in Chief, to put some of
the Officers from their Commands,
whose actings have not been such as
might promise they can cordially joyn
in this business, yet he hath continued
to them their Salaries out of the Con-
tingencies of the Army, till the Parlia-
ment's pleasure be further known: And
we shall also assure you, That whatever
endeavours may be for the settling of
this Parliament again in a free capacitie
to Act for us in these Nations, we shall
be as ready as you to bear a Testimony
against them suitable to our station, if
they

...of Liberty of these
...whether of Spiritual or Civil,
...being a wound against them in
their late Votes, that the Representatives
of the People, is entrusted not for the
Ruine, but the Safety of the Common-
wealth.

the Officers from their Commands
Lincolnton, Signed in the Name and
Octob. 22. by the Appointment of the
1659. Officers of the Army in
Scotland.

To the Right Honourable
the Lord Protector, to be
Communicated to the
Officers of the Army
in and about London.

ALL LA MIGNERIE,
SECRETARY.
We shall also assure you, that whereas
of your may be for the bettering of
this Parliament again in a free capacity
to Act for us in these Nations, we shall
be as ready as you shall desire, to
manifest our alacrity, and Obedience
against the Truce-Church, 1659.

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